

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-12, 14-27, 29, and 30 were pending. Claims 1, 2, 9, 15, 16, 24, and 30 have been amended.

In response to the Office Action mailed March 22, 2006, the Examiner's claim rejections have been considered. Applicants respectfully traverse all rejections regarding all pending claims and earnestly solicit allowance of these claims.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 15-19, 21, 22, and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Galvez reference in view of Tucker et al. (US 6,590,604) Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Applicant contends that the combination suggested by the Examiner does not teach, describe, or suggest the elements of amended independent claims 1 and 16. These amended claims call out the element of a video conference web server for enabling participation in a virtual room video conference. There is no discussion in the combination suggested by the Examiner of a video conference web server. In addition, there is no teaching, description, or suggestion in the combination of the interaction of the video conference server and the gateway as described in the independent claims.

The Examiner has rejected claims 9-12 and 24-17 as unpatentable over Galvez reference in view of Tucker in further view of DeGollado et al (US 6,411,623). Applicant respectfully disagrees.

For the reasons stated above, this combination fails to teach, describe, or suggest the element of a video conference web server for enabling participation in a virtual room video conference. There is no discussion in the combination suggested by the Examiner of a video conference web server.

With respect to the rejections of the dependent claims, these claims are dependent on allowable base independent claims and are themselves allowable.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest and *bona fide* effort to clarify the issues before the Examiner and to place this case in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of all of claims 1-12, 14-27, 29, and 30 is believed to be in order, and a timely Notice of Allowance to this effect is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required government fee for obtaining a one-month extension of time and no additional fee is believed to be due at this time. However, if the Applicant is mistaken, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees from Deposit Account No. 502811.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the foregoing, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at (310) 712-8300. The undersigned attorney can normally be reached Monday through Friday from about 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM Pacific Time.

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